GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada City – Detention of Sri Katta Srinivas @ Katta Srinu @ Katta Srinivasrao, S/o Veera Venkata Rao @ Venkanna, A/38yrs, C/Padmasali, Pallapu Street, Opp., Ramalayam, Eleswaram (V&M), East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1022 **Dated: 09-09-2025**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2. From the Commissioner of Police & Additional District Magistrate, NTR District, Vijayawada, C.No.1800/M1/CP-NTR Police Commissionerate/2025, dt.05.06.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada City has reported that adverting to the above subject, Inspector of Police, Ajith Singh Nagar PS has placed before the Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada City and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Katta Srinivas @ Katta Srinu @ Katta Srinivasrao, S/o Veera Venkata Rao @ Venkanna, A/38yrs, C/Padmasali, Pallapu Street, Opp., Ramalayam, Eleswaram (V&M), East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988).

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit ganja/cannabis trafficking, and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) from tribal areas of Vishakhapatnam District, to the Vijayawada city and its surroundings. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in territorial jurisdiction of NTR Police Commissionerate and its neighboring districts. Further

submitted that the detenue is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the drug consumers are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Katta Srinivas @ Katta Srinu @ Katta Srinivasrao, S/o Veera Venkata Rao @ Venkanna, A/38yrs, C/Padmasali, Pallapu Street, Opp., Ramalayam, Eleswaram (V&M), East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Katta Srinivas @ Katta Srinu @ Katta Srinivasrao, S/o Veera Venkata Rao @ Venkanna along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in "illicit traffic" under Sec.2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988and his actions are prejudicial to Public Health.

4. Several cases were registered against Sri Katta Srinivas @ Katta Srinu @ Katta Srinivasrao, S/o Veera Venkata Rao @ Venkanna, A/38yrs, C/Padmasali, Pallapu Street, Opp., Ramalayam, Eleswaram (V&M), East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in NTR District. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. He was accused in the following cases:-

S. No. (1)	**Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station (2)**	**Ganja Seized (in Kg's) (3)**	**Stage of the Case (4)**
1.	Cr. No. 508/2016 u/s 8(c) 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act-1985 of Rajahmundry III Town PS, East Godavari Dist., Andhra Pradesh	3 Kg	Pending Trial
2.	C.O.R.No.34/2017, U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS ACT- 1985 of Prohibition & Excise PS, Hayathnagar Station, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State	70 Kg	Acquittal

3.	Cr.No.18/2019 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act, 1985 of Ramachandrapuram P.S, East Godavari District (Present Konaseema District)	50 Kg	Pending Trial
4.	Cr.No. 212/2025 U/s 8(C) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act 1985, Ajith Singh Nagar Police Station, Vijayawada	8 Kg	UI

5. **GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:**

1. Cr.No.508/2016 u/s 8(c) 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act-1985 of Rajahmundry III Town PS, East Godavari Dist., Andhra Pradesh:

This is a case of illegal possession, transportation, and sale of ganja which occurred on 29.10.2016 at about 16.30hrs., and reported on the same day at 19.30 hrs., in the presence of Inspector of Police III Town, along with his staff and Tahasildhar Rajamahendravaram Urban and two mediators conducted raid at West side of the District Court Complex, near Siddi Vinayaka Temple, Rajamahendravaram where in A1.Katta Srinivas S/o Venkataramana, A/28Yrs., Ullithota Street, Rajamahendravaram, A2.Thota Ramu S/o Apparao, A/30yrs., C/Kapu, Sheshayyapeta, Rajamahendra-varam, A3. Abdul Badsha Valli S/o Basha, A/28yrs, IIIrd Street, Aryapuram, Rajamahendravaram, seized ganja 1kg from each accused, a total of 3 Kilograms Ganja, drafted a mediators report in the presence of tahasildar and mediators on the confession of accused and thus bought the accused to Police Station. On mediators report a case has been registered and all the accused were produced before Hon'ble IIIrd Addl., Judicial first Class magistrate at Rajamahendravaram and sent to judicial remand.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt, Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA and Charge Sheet was filed in Hon'ble IIIrd Addl., Judicial first Class magistrate**,** Rajamahendravaram. This case in Pending Trial.

2.C.O.R.No.34/2017, U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS ACT- 1985 of Prohibition & Excise PS, Hayathnagar Station, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State.

This is a case of illegal possession, transportation, and sale of ganja occurred on 14.05.2017 at 16.30hrs., and reported on the same date at 18.00hrs., on reliable information regarding illegal possession and transportation of Dry Ganja at N.H.No.65, Near outer ring Road, at Pedda Amberpet Village, Abdullapurmet Mandal, Rangareddy Dist., wherein

possession of the accused A1. Katta Srinivasu, S/o Venkata Rao, Age:28Yrs, H.No.7-12-7, Vullithotavari Veedhi, Near Kumar Theatre, Rajamhundry, East Godavari, A.P., A2. Shaik Jiyauddin Basha, S/o ShaikJani, Age:38 Yrs, kwari market, Near Raithu Bazar, Rajahmundry, East Godavari, A.P., with 70 Kgs of Ganja (Two 35 Kgs plastic big bags-a total of six small bags) along with 2 bikes in the presence of mediators under the cover of Panchanama. Thus the accused were produced before Hon'ble Spl. JFCM cum XIIth Metropolitan Magistrate, L.B. Nagar, Rangareddy District for Judicial remand.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt., Chemical Examiner, Regional Prohibition & Excise Laboratory, Hyderabad through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA and Charge Sheet was filed in Hon'ble Court. After the completion of trial this case was acquitted on 20.10.2020 in the Hon'ble Metropolitan Session Judge, Cyberabad, L.B.Nagar, Rangareddy District.

3.Cr.No.18/2019 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act-1985 of Ramachandrapuram PS, East Godavari Dist.(Present Konaseema District), Andhra Pradesh

This is a case of illegal possession, transportation, and sale of ganja which occurred on 21.01.2019 at about 14.00 hrs., at Pasalapudi Bypass Road, Ramachandrapuram Mandal and reported on 21.01.2019 at 18.30hrs., where in the complainant P.Siva Ganesh, Inspector of Police, Ramachandrapuram Circle stated that on credible information regarding illegally transporting the Ganja by packing middle of the saree, he along with staff, mediators(MRO & VRO's) conducted raid and arrested the accused persons A2. Yarra Surya Prakash Rao@ Prakash Rao@Nani, S/o Bhaskara Rao, Age 32 Yrs, C/Kapu, Patha Verampalem Village, Rangampeta Mandal, A3. Kosuri Satish, S/o Bhadar Rao, Age 34 Yrs, C/Padmasali, Kontamuru, Rajahmundry, A4. Shaik Jeeyauddhin @ Jeeyauddhin Basha, S/o Jhony, Age 40 Yrs, C/Muslim, Rajendhra Nagar, Rajahmundry, A5. Subrahmanyam Ramesh, S/o Subrahmanyam, Age 40 yrs, C/Devara, Kalavabatti Village, Usalabatti Taluka, Madurai District, Tamilnadu State Red-handedly while they are transporting the Ganja in Auto Bearing No. AP05 TX 4804 and seized about 48 kgs of Ganja worth about Rs.1,92,000/- and Auto Bearing No. AP05 TX 4804, Cell Phones 4 Nos, Sarees 48 Nos from their possession undercover a mediators report, and upon their confession in the presence of mediators all the above noted accused mentioned that they had purchased above noted ganja from one namely Katta Srinivasarao @ Katta Srinivas who became A1 in the later on investigation and thus all the accused were produced before Hon'ble Court and they were sent to judicial remand.

On 29.01.2019 at about 18.00hrs., on receiving the credible information the inspector of police along his with his Staff, Mediators, Deputy Tahsildar and Weighing Man went to the D.No.21-3-3/2, Goddess Durgamma Temple, court street, Ramachandrapuram Town and Mandal and caught the accused namely A1.KattaSrinivasarao, S/o VeeraVenkata Rao, 29 years, C/Padmasali, near Kumari cinema Theater, Ullithotastreet, Rajahmundry along with 2kgs of Ganja and seized 2 polythene covers from his possession which contains 1kg Ganja in each polythene cover a total of 2Kg's along with one NOKIA key pad cellphone. Later he was sent to judicial remand by producing him before the Hon'ble Court.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt., Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA and Charge Sheet was filed in Hon'ble First Addl., District Sessions Judge Court, Rajamahendravaram. This case in Pending Trial vide SC.No.41/2019.

4. Cr.No.212/2025 U/s 8(C) R/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act 1985, Ajith Singh Nagar Police Station, Vijayawada .

This is a case of illegal possession, transportation, and sale of ganja. This is a case of illegal possession of Ganja for the purpose of transportation and for loose sale for which the accused violated the provisions under the sections Sec. 20 (b) (ii) (B) of NDPS Act 1985, that occurred on 24-5-2025 at 12-00 hrs at near Railway track, Rama Nagar, A.S.Nagar, Vijayawada and reported on the same day at 15-00 hrs. On receipt of reliable information about suspect movement and illegal possession of Ganja for the purpose of transport, immediately as per the orders of A.C.P. North Division, Vijayawada city, then myself, contacted the above said mediators then called both of them to P.S., also got their acceptance and proceeded to near Railway track, Rama Nagar, A.S. Nagar, Vijayawada, with the said mediators, along with my staff HCs. 1499, 935 PCs. 2326, 2256, by Police jeep, there found two persons by possessing of bags in hands, for which on seeing of Police, then the said persons tried to skulk away, hence apprehend the persons with the assistance of staff, when questioned in the presence of mediators, what is in the said bag, for which both the accused given perplexed with confusion in which the accused A-1) Badha Durga Prasad, s/o Sankara Rao, 24 yrs, Kapu, Near Joseph Church, Kobbari Thota, Madhura Nagar, Vijayawada, A-2) Koyana Vijaya Krishna @ Issak, s/o Naga Raju, 19 yrs, near Masjid, Ramakrishna Puram, Vijayawada were apprehended while illegal possession of Ganja & transporting of the same, vide mediators report duly got drafted by the mediators and further total seized 8 kgs of Ganja from the accused A-1 & A-2 after searching i.e., 4 kgs ganja in each bag. On enquiry they purchased the above mentioned ganja from A3. Katta

Srinivas at Eleswaram Village & Mandal, East Godavari Dt., by replacing theft bikes. Wherein A3 Hence Under the cover of Mediators report duly drafted, also attested by the mediators etc. The accused A1-A2 was arrested in the presence of the mediators and then brought them to the police station along with the property. The total worth of the ganja is estimated at Rs. 40,000/- (8 Kgs). The accused A-3) Katta Srinivas was absconding. Case is UI for want of Accused.

On 28.05.2025 at about 17.30 hrs., while SHO, A.S. Nagar conducting patrolling Near railway Track, Anjaneyaswamy Temple, New Rajarajeswararao Peta, A3.Katta Srinivas, along with his associate other A4.Korra Narsinga Rao were found with plastic bags, on verifying them it is found that 6Kgs(Each one 3Kg-Total of 6kg) dry ganja was found. Then the mediators, weighing man were brought to the scene of crime and said seized ganja along with the accused were brought to the PS under the cover of mediators report and sent to the judicial remand.

The sample of the ganja was separated and made inventory in the presence of Hon'ble Ist Class Judicial Magistrate, Vijayawada and Subsequently the samples seized were sent to the Govt. Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice, the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA. Case is Under Investigation.

6. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is an "illicit trafficker" as classified under section 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988(PITNDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial to the maintenance of the Public Health.

7. The other following cases that registered against Sri Katta Srinivas @ Katta Srinu @ Katta Srinivas rao, S/o Veera Venkata Rao@ Venkanna, A/38yrs, C/Padmasali, Pallapu Street, Opp., Ramalayam, Eleswaram(V&M), East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh as stated below:

S. No	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Stage of the Case
1.	Cr.No.26/2025 U/s 303(2) BNS of Ajith Singh Nagar PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada City	Under Investigation
2.	Cr.No.210/2025 U/s 303(2) BNS of Ajith Singh Nagar PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada City	Under Investigation
3.	Cr.No.211/2025 U/s 303(2) BNS of Ajith Singh Nagar PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada City	Under Investigation

8. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading by the accused Sri Katta Srinivas @ Katta Srinu @ Katta Srinivas rao, S/o Veera Venkata Rao@ Venkanna, A/38yrs, C/Padmasali, Pallapu Street, Opp., Ramalayam, Eleswaram(V&M), East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988(PITNDPS Act, 1988).

9. Sri Katta Srinivas @ Katta Srinu @ Katta Srinivasrao, S/o Veera Venkata Rao @ Venkanna, A/38yrs, C/Padmasali, Pallapu Street, Opp., Ramalayam, Eleswaram(V&M), East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh along with his associates, do frequently commit offenses without any hesitation. He is an active member and has been involved in various cases that adversely affect the day-to-day administration of police officials, and his activities can become detrimental to both the police and the public. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

10. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illegal activities of the accused under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Vijayawada and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately Public Health.

11. The offender repeatedly resorts to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act, 1985. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality, and impacting public health.

12. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue(Excise) Department, under section 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms. No. 131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Katta Srinivas @ Katta Srinu @ Katta Srinivasrao, S/o Veera Venkata Rao@ Venkanna, A/38yrs, C/Padmasali, Pallapu Street, Opp., Ramalayam, Eleswaram (V&M), East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Rajamehendravaram/Nellore, Andhra Pradesh State until further

orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

13. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Katta Srinivas @ Katta Srinu @ Katta Srinivasrao, S/o Veera Venkata Rao@ Venkanna, A/38yrs, C/Padmasali, Pallapu Street, Opp., Ramalayam, Eleswaram(V&M), East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a representation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

14. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore.
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The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
Inspector of Police, Ajith Singh Nagar PS, Vijayawada City (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
The PS to Secretary to Govt., Law Department.
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